

Commute Trip Reduction Efficiency Act Implementation Update

August 11, 2006

With the passage of the Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) Efficiency Act in March, the legislature and Governor Gregoire made several important changes to the CTR law. This message provides an update on the implementation of the Act.

CTR Board Releases Draft Rules for Public Comment

The CTR implementation work group, consisting of CTR Task Force members, WSDOT staff, cities, counties, RTPOs, transit agencies, and employers, continues to develop recommendations for the implementation of the CTR Efficiency Act. At its first meeting on July 28, the new CTR Board reviewed draft planning rules for the modified CTR law.

These rules are now available for public comment:

Draft Rule for [Local and Regional CTR Planning](#)

Draft Rule for [Goals and Measurement](#)

Draft Rule for [Jurisdiction Opt-in](#)

Draft Rule for [Growth and Transportation Efficiency Centers \(GTECs\)](#)

Please Provide Your Feedback Through an Online Survey

Please provide your feedback on the draft planning rules for implementing the CTR Efficiency Act through an important online survey. The survey is designed to get your feedback on the draft rules and to find out about your technical assistance needs.

The survey is available at: www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=421932455496. Please submit completed surveys by August 31, 2006.

We will use this information to increase the effectiveness of the modified CTR program rules. Survey results will be shared at the CTR Board meeting on September 8 and will be published on the CTR Web site. Your comments are important and will be considered before the final adoption of the rules in January 2007.

Schedule to Adopt Draft Rules

The timeline for implementing the new law includes:

August 2006:	Public comment on draft program rules for planning
Sept. 2006 to April 2007:	Local jurisdictions and regional transportation planning organizations develop CTR plans based on CTR program rules, model plans, and other guidance
Late fall 2006:	Formal public notice, review, and comment on final draft rules
January 2007:	CTR program rules for planning adopted into Washington Administrative Code
June 2007:	CTR board approves local and regional plans
July 2007:	The modified CTR program begins

CTR Planning to Begin in September 2006

After WSDOT revises the draft CTR planning rules based on public comment and CTR board approval, we will

distribute the rules to local jurisdictions and regional transportation planning organizations so that they may begin the CTR planning process.

In order to aid planning, WSDOT will also distribute model plans and other guidance. WSDOT staff will also be available to provide technical assistance as needed.

Request a Briefing for Your Group

CTR board members, CTR Implementation Group members, and WSDOT staff have presented at more than 50 meetings and workshops and we are available to give a briefing to your group. Briefings are opportunities for your organization to hear directly from the implementation team and get the facts on the CTR Efficiency Act. To schedule a presentation for your group, please contact Tonia Buell at (360) 705-7439 or buellt@wsdot.wa.gov. To learn more about the modified CTR program or to provide additional feedback, please visit the CTR Efficiency Act website at: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/tdm/taskforce/tfmaterials.cfm#program> or contact Keith Cotton at (360) 705-7910 or cottonk@wsdot.wa.gov.